

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 VICTOR 00884 071311Z

ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 IO-13 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05

H-01 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 SP-02

SS-15 ICA-11 /089 W

-----000291 080323Z /64

R 071025Z SEP 78

FM AMEMBASSY VICTORIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1139

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L VICTORIA 0884

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR, UK, FR, SE

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT RENE TO VISIT UK AND FRANCE

1. SEYCHELLES PRESIDENT FRANCE ALBERT RENE WILL MAKE
OFFICIAL VISITS TO FRANCE AND UK WEEK OF SEPT 10.

2. RENE IS NOW SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN PARIS (VIA AIR
FRANCE FLIGHT DIRECT FROM VICTORIA) MORNING OF SEPT 11.
EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING WILL
HOST DINNER IN HIS HONOR SEPT 12. ON FOLLOWING DAY RENE WILL
PROCEED TO LONDON WHERE, BARRING COMPLICATIONS RELATED
TO BRITISH ELECTIONS, PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN WILL HOST
LUNCHEON FOR HIM. ACCORDING TO LATEST VERSION OF ITINERARY,
RENE WILL RETURN TO PARIS SEPT 17 TO CATCH RETURN AIR FRANCE
FLIGHT TO VICTORIA. RENE TOLD CHARGE SEPT 07 THAT HE HAD
HOPED ALSO TO VISIT BELGIUM AND YUGOSLAVIA ON THIS TRIP, BUT
THAT THESE PLANS HAD FALLEN THROUGH. HE REMARKED THAT THIS WAS
JUST AS WELL AS HE HAD TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY AND BEEN AWAY FROM
COUNTRY FOR CONSIDERABLE PERIOD ALREADY THIS YEAR. MINISTER OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND HOUSING MAXIME FERRARI,
WHO IS CURRENTLY IN EUROPE, WILL JOIN RENE IN PARIS, AND WILL
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 VICTOR 00884 071311Z

CONTINUE WITH HIM ON REST OF TRIP.

3. UK HIGH COMMISSIONER TOLD CHARGE SEPT 06 THAT SPECIAL
SECURITY MEASURES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED WHILE RENE IS IN
LONDON TO PROTECT HIM AGAINST POSSIBLE ATTACK BY UK-BASED
SEYCHELLOIS EXILES. IN SECURITY CONTEXT, IT IS INTERESTING
TO NOTE THAT THREE DAYS BEFORE SCHEDULED DEPARTURE, PRESIDENT'S

TRIP HAS NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC.

4. THIS IS FIRST VISIT BY RENE TO UK SINCE HE ASSUMED
PRESIDENCY IN AFTERMATH OF JUNE, 1977 COUP. IT IS ALSO HIS
FIRST OFFICIAL BILATERAL VISIT TO FRANCE. EMBASSY DOES NOT
KNOW IF TRIP CONCEIVED TO ACHIEVE ANY PARTICULAR OBJECTIVES,
BUT IT WILL SERVE NICELY TO BALANCE RENE'S OFFICIAL VISITS
EARLIER THIS YEAR TO PRC, NORTH KOREA AND LIBYA. PRESENCE OF
FERRARI SUGGESTS UK AND FRENCH DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE PRO-
GRAMS MAY BE FOCUS OF ATTENTION. UK HIGH COMMISSIONER REMARKED
THAT BRITISH HOPED CONTROVERSIAL ISLANDS AGREEMENT WOULD NOT
SURFACE AT HIGH LEVEL IN SUCH A WAY AS TO DETRACT FROM WHAT
IS EXPECTED TO BE SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO UK.
FELDER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ITINERARY, CHIEF OF STATE VISITS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 07 sep 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978VICTOR00884
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780365-0538
Format: TEL
From: VICTORIA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780991/aaaacxmf.tel
Line Count: 76
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 92c5de55-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 28 apr 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1513586
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRESIDENT RENE TO VISIT UK AND FRANCE
TAGS: PEPR, UK, FR, SE, (RENE, FRANCE ALBERT)
To: STATE LONDON
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/92c5de55-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014